



THROWING AWAY THE BACKPACK, IN AN UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY!! A NEW 47 PAGE ONE-SHOT WITH A COLOR COVER!!

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TOWARDS
A WORLD

STILL
UNKNOWN
TO YOU

魔法少年

まほうしょうねん

エクス

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仲間只一

THE
NEIGH-
BORING
TOWN
CON-
TACTED
US

APPARENTLY
THERE'S A
"CROW"
THAT'S ON
ITS WAY
HERE

IT'S THE
AWAKENING
OF THE
"SON OF
THE WITCH"
AFTER ALL

THE MAGIC
POWER OF
A SINGLE
BOY...
ATTRACTED
"CROW" TO
THIS TOWN...

THAT CHILD
IS STILL ONLY
12 YEARS
OLD? AND
HE ONLY JUST
RECENTLY
MOVED TO
THIS TOWN...

IN THE
SHADOWS
OF THIS
WORLD

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YES
YES

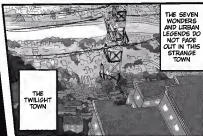
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THEN

BEST
SIB-
ARDS-

THERE'S A
WORLD
OF MAGIC
UNKNOWN
TO PEOPLE







AND
EVERY
TIME



SINCE I'VE
MOVED
TO THIS
TOWN



I'VE BEEN
HAVING
THE SAME
DREAM
EVERY
NIGHT

AT THE
END...

IT'S ALL
THE
SAME

THE
START,
THE
END



SHE WAS JUGGLING
MULTIPLE JOBS AT
THE TIME, AND YOU
WOULDN'T BE
WRONG TO CALL HER
MANY, SHE WAS
THAT TYPE OF
MOTHER



MOTHER
WAS
OFTEN
AWAY
FROM
HOME...

...OUR
FAMILY
DID NOT
HAVE A
FATHER

AT THE
END,
MOTHER
WOULD
ALWAYS
APPEAR

HOWEVER
WHEN IT CAME
CLOSE TO MY
BIRTHDAY,
SHE'D ALWAYS
WORK WEEK-
ENDS AS WELL



EVERY YEAR
SHE'D BUY ME
WHATEVER
I WANTED

OCCASIONALLY WE'D
PLAY CATCH, SHE
WAS ALWAYS A
ROWDY BUT CHEER-
FUL PERSON, VOID
OF ANY SELFISHNESS



OUR FATHER
ABANDONED US
EARLY ON, SO WE
LIVED AS A FAMILY
OF TWO, EVEN IF
THAT MEANT HAVING
TO ENDURE POVERTY

DISAPPEARED
A YEAR AGO

SUCH A
MOTHER

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| | 00 | 00 |
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IT INCLUDED A BANK ACCOUNT WITH ALMOST A MILLION YEN IN IT

IT WAS FULL OF
APOLOGIES
AND WHATNOT,
FILLED TO THE
BRIM WITH
WORDS

To
Yata-no

SHE LEFT
BEHIND THIS
BULKY NOTE

THE POLICE
INVESTIGATED MANY
POSSIBILITIES; HOWEVER,
THEY COULD NOT
DETERMINE WHAT
HAPPENED

MAYBE SHE WAS
INVOLVED IN
SOME SORT OF
ACCIDENT

IN
OTHER
WORDS

WELL

A young man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark shorts, is walking on a train platform. He has a backpack on his back and is looking towards the right. The platform has a glass railing and a train is visible in the background.

I'M SURE
MY MOTHER
IS STILL
ALIVE
SOMEWHERE

I WAS
ABANDONED

A young man and a young woman are standing on a train platform. The man is on the left, looking at the woman on the right. They are both wearing backpacks. In the background, there is a train and a bridge.

A LIFESTYLE
THAT CAN'T
BE CHANGED,
A PERSON
THAT CAN'T
BE CHANGED,
IT'S AS
SIMPLE AS
THAT

IT'S A
SHITTY
FEELING,
BUT IT'S
NOT LIKE I
CAN DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT

A young man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark shorts, is looking at a train. He has a backpack on his back. The train is on a track, and there are other people in the background.

ALTHOUGH IT'S A
THIN CONNECTION,
MY AUNT WHO
TOOK ME IN MIGHT
BE A GOOD PERSON

I MOVED BACK
INTO THE CITY WHERE
MOTHER ONCE LIVED
AND TOOK CUSTODY
OF AN APARTMENT
FROM MY AUNT ON
MY FATHER'S SIDE
OF THE FAMILY

HONESTLY
I DON'T FEEL
COMFORTABLE
AT ALL

APPARENTLY MY
MOTHER GOT IT FOR
CHEAP. MY AUNT
TOOK CARE OF IT FOR
A BIT AND NOW I'M
LIVING THERE

RECENTLY
THERE'S BEEN
REPORTS OF A
SUSPICIOUS
INDIVIDUAL
SIGHTED
DURING THE
NIGHT AROUND
TOWN

不審者出没注意

YES, YES! I
KNOW
TOMORROW'S
THE START
OF YOUR
SUMMER
BREAK BUT
BE SURE TO
READ THIS
PRINTOUT
CAREFULLY!

BE
QUIET
BOYS!

UNDER-
WEAR
MAN?

DANG-
EROUS

APPARENTLY
HE WEARS A
COAT
UNDERWEAR
AND A HAT
AND WANDERS
THROUGHOUT
TOWN AT
NIGHT

IT'S
DANGEROUS,
SO THE
POLICE
HAVE BEEN
PATROLING
THE AREA

UNDER-
WEAR?

YOU KNOW
THERE'S
SOMETHING
EVEN MORE
DANGEROUS
THAN THAT
SUSPICIOUS
GUY?

YOU
KNOW,
"THAT"

HEY
YATAROU-
KUN

YOU'VE
ONLY JUST
TRANSFERRED
IN, SO YOU
DON'T
KNOW THE
INTERESTING
STORIES OF
THIS TOWN
RIGHT?

MAKE
SURE
TO NOT GO
OUTSIDE
AT NIGHT

YATAROU-KUN
YATAROU-KUN







THIS!?

WHAT'S



THE
LIPHOLDER
OF JUSTICE
IN THE
WORLD,
JUSTICE X,
IT SAYS!

TAKE THAT!

IT'S
THE
SUPER
HERO!

SO
LAAAAME-!

"THE
ULTIMATE
HERO
BATTLING
A SECRET
ORGANIZATION
IN THE
SHADOWS..."



THIS
GUY...

HE'S DRAWING
MANGA
IN HIS NOTE-
BOOK...

HE
HE
HE...

TAKE
A LOOK
AT THIS...



NOW
NOW

GIVE IT BACK!

WHA-

"THE
SOLE HERO
CONTINUES
TO BATTLE!"

"DESPITE HIS
INJURIES, HE
CONTINUES
TO FIGHT FOR
THE PEOPLE
OF THIS
WORLD!"



THE TRANSFER
STUDENT'S
DRAWING A
BATTLE HERO
MANGA IN HIS
NOTEBOOK!



SHOW
IT TO
MOMMY!

LET ME
SEE
THE
REST
SOME-
TIME
SOON!

JUSTICE XI!



CALL
THE
TEACHER!

KWA!

THE
TRANSFER
STUDENT
SNAPPED!

THERE'S
BLOOD!

KYAAA!



YATAROU!

HEY!

DON'T
THINK
I'LL LET
YOU GET
AWAY
WITH
THAT SO
EASILY!

YOU'VE
DONE
IT NOW!

YOU
BASTARD!

TARD...

WE'RE
GONNA
PUT
YOU IN
YOUR
PLACE!

RIGHT
HERE
AND
NOW,

DID YOU
HIT YOUR
HEAD OR
SOMETHING? STARTING A
FIGHT LIKE THAT, YOU'VE
BEEN
FISSING ME
OFF FOR A
WHILE NOW!

DON'T
JUST
STARE!

SAY
SOME-
THING!

YOU

BAS

...THIS
TOWN

WHAT'S
WRONG
??

KILL-
BO-
YAH ??

...?

HEY!

HEY??

...

OF
STRANGE
RUMORS

YOU!

WAIT!

THIS
GUY!

OH!

HAS
A
LOT

IN THIS
TWILIGHT
TOWN

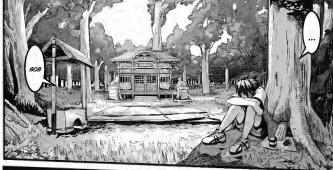
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THE SEVEN
WONDERS
AND URBAN
LEGENDS DO
NOT FADE
OUT IN THIS
STRANGE
TOWN

IN THE
UNDER-
GROUND
WORLD OF THIS
TOWN

THERE'S A
WORLD OF
MAGIC
THAT
PEOPLE
HAVE NO
IDEA
ABOUT

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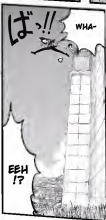










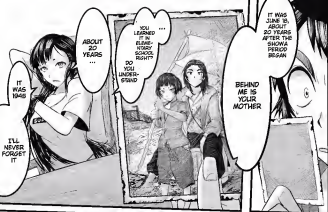












IT WAS 1948

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT

ABOUT 20 YEARS ...

YOU LEARNED IT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIGHT? DO YOU UNDERSTAND

IT WAS JUNE 18, ABOUT 20 YEARS AFTER THE SHOWA PERIOD BEGAN

BEHIND ME IS YOUR MOTHER

AND SO, AFTER THAT I BECAME THE DISCIPLE OF A WITCH AND THE LONG, LONG YEARS OF MAGIC BEGAN AFTER THAT

WHEN I WAS 7 YEARS OLD, YOUR MOTHER PROTECTED ME FROM A BOMB WHILE WE HID INSIDE A CAVE

YOUR MOTHER LIVED A TRULY LONG TIME. SHE WAS A WITCH EVEN BEFORE THE MEIJI ERA. HER MAGIC AND KNOWLEDGE WAS A REFLECTION OF THE TIME SHE LIVED

WHEN IT COMES TO WITCHES, IN ORDER TO LIVE LONGER, WE CAST A REALLY STRONG CURSE ON OURSELVES.

EVEN MAGICIANS THEMSELVES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER "WHAT IS MAGIC". MAGICIANS ONLY UTILIZE A SMALL PART OF THE CONSTRUCTS OF THE MAGIC SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED EFFECT



MAGIC, IN ESSENCE, IS A FORCE THAT INTERACTS WITH THE WORLD'S LAWS AND BLENDS THEM; A COMPLETELY UNKNOWN STRUCTURE TO THAT OF THIS WORLD'S COMMON SENSE

HOWEVER, SINCE
THE INVENTION
OF CONCRETE
AND ELECTRICITY,
THE AMOUNT
OF MAGICIANS
HAS DRASTICALLY
DECREASED...

MAGIC EXISTED
EVEN BEFORE MAN
KNEW HOW TO
START A FIRE.
MAGICIANS HAVE
CONTROLLED THIS
WORLD FROM THE
SHADOWS WITH
MAGIC FOR A
LONG TIME NOW

MUCH LIKE THIS
TOWN, WHERE
THERE'S A LOT OF
HAPPENINGS.
THERE ARE
MAGICIANS
LIVING HERE, SO
THERE ARE A LOT
OF STRANGE
THINGS
OCCURRING

THE MAGICIANS
RIGHT NOW HAVE
BEEN RESIDING
IN KOREAN
TOWNS, THE
BRAZILIAN
DISTRICT
COMMUNITIES
OR OTHER SUCH
PLACES. THEY
DON'T NEED TO
INTERACT WITH
THE WORLD
AND THE
OUT-
SIDE
WORLD
HAS
NO
IDEA

"HOW DO YOU KNOW
WHAT I'VE BEEN
DREAMING ABOUT?"
RIGHT?

WHAT!

YOU YOURSELF,
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN
HAVING THE SAME
DREAM THESE PAST
FEW DAYS? THE
ONE WITH YOUR
MOTHER

IT'S THE
PROOF
THAT THE
BLOOD OF THE
WITCH OF THIS
TOWN HAS
AWAK-
ENED

AN ABSURD REALITY,
RECKLESS
PERSONAS BEING
BEAT DOWN, A
DESIRE TO DRAW A
HEAD THAT WOULD
FLY IN THE SKY AND
GET RID OF THE
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
EMOTIONS SWIRLING
INSIDE RIGHT NOW.

YOU FEEL THAT IF
YOU STOP DRAWING,
THE CONNECTION
YOU HAVE WITH
YOUR MOTHER WOULD
BE SEVERED...
AM I RIGHT?

WHEN
SHE
CAME
BACK,

YOU'D BE
ALL ALONE
DRAWING
IN YOUR
NOTEBOOK

YOUR
MOTHER
WORKED
AWAY
FROM
HOME

YOU'D
SHOW HER
YOUR
MANGA,
YOU'D GET
PRAISED,
AND THIS
WOULD
REPEAT
MANY
TIMES
OVER

LIP UNTIL
YOUR
MOTHER
DISAPPEARED

READING
HEARTS

IS
EASY
FOR
ME

LI
FU
FU

I'M A
WITCH

I CAN
SEE YOUR
IMPORTANT
THINGS...

MINDS OF YOUR
MOTHER,
DEEP

YOUR
PRECIOUS
PRECIOUS

THEN

YOU'VE
STARTED
TO
BELIEVE
ME

IT SEEMS
I'VE
SCARED
YOU

OH
MY?

WE CAN
FINALLY
MOVE ON TO THE
MAIN
ISSUE AT
HAND

IT SEEMS
THAT EVEN
NOW, YOU
CRY ALONE
EVERY NIGHT
INSIDE
YOUR FUTON

BUT YOU
TRY TO
ACT SO
STRONG
ON THE
OUTSIDE,
LIFUFLU...
SO CUTE

SHE
WANTED
TO HAVE
A FAMILY

"AS A FINAL
WISH, I
WANT TO
TRY LIVING
AS A
NORMAL
HUMAN"

SHE
SAID

THEN
ONE
DAY

YOUR
MOTHER
WAS A
WITCH
FOR OVER
100
YEARS

TO
LIVE SO
LONG...

...

SHE
RETURNED
TO BEING
A HUMAN
AND GAVE
BIRTH
TO YOU

AFTER
THAT



SHE
STOPPED
THE
CURSE

HOWEVER,
YOUR
MOTHER
REALLY
WANTED
TO HAVE
HER OWN
FAMILY,
SO WITH
HER OWN
POWER...

BUT

THE CURSE THAT
STOPS A WITCH'S
AGING PROCESS
RESTRUCTURES
THE BODY, SO
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO GIVE BIRTH
TO A CHILD



HER
BODY

COULD
NOT
SUSTAIN
ITSELF
ANYMORE



SO
LITTLE
BY
LITTLE



HOWEVER,
AFTER 10
YEARS...
THE SIDE-
EFFECTS OF
STOPPING
THAT CURSE...
SHE LIVED
FOR MORE
THAN A
HUNDRED
YEARS, SO
THE TIME
CAME TO
PAY THE
PRICE.

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT...

THE
HUMAN
BODY TO
GO OUT
LIKE
THAT



IT'S A
CRUEL
FATE

FOR

YOU
SEE

IT WASN'T SOMETHING
A MAGICIAN COULD FIX
AND IT WAS NOT
SOMETHING TO BE
SHOWN TO THE
OUTSIDE WORLD,
THAT'S THE REASON
SHE DISAPPEARED

YOU'VE BEEN GOING
ON AND ON ABOUT
MAGIC AND CURSES
OR WHATEVER! STOP
SPEWING SUCH
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
NONSENSE!

STOP
TALKING
LIKE YOU
KNOW
EVERYTHING



SHE JUST
ABANDONED
ME!







HEY!

HA...



HIEEY!

HEY

OH



MAGIC

OO

IN
THIS
TOWN

本番者
出没注意!

IN
THE
JACKED-
UP
WORLD

A
LIVING
TOWN

HAS
BEEN
SPOTTED

IT
MIGHT
A
SUSP-
ICIOUS
INDIVIDUAL

OO



HIEEY!

...



LATELY

....OO



YOUR BLOOD IS THE BLOOD OF A WITCH THAT LIVED FOR 130 YEARS. IT'S GOING TO ATTRACT A LOT OF GUYS LIKE HIM.



YOUR BLOOD TO THEM IS LIKE A TOP CLASS WINE... DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?



ALSO, IT IS A MAGICIAN'S DUTY TO DO SO

ONLY MAGICIANS CAN PROTECT THE TOWN FROM SUCH CREATURES

OHAA

THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN ARE ALL



ARE LURKING EVERYWHERE IN THE SHADOWS

GUYS LIKE HIM

7=

WHA...
WHY...



A CURSED EXISTENCE

A CRUEL ORGAMINATION OF MAGIC ABILITIES THAT HAVE MADE IT THEIR LIVELIHOOD

UWAH!

DANGEROUS MAGICIANS



YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE AS A MAGICIAN IN THIS TOWN

FROM NOW ON, IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE

110

110

110



WHAT
KIND
OF
MAGIC
IT
WILL
BECOME
...

WILL
BE
UP
TO
YOU

I'VE
BORR-
OWED
THAT
MANGA

THE
FASTEST
WAY
TO
DO
THIS
IS
TO
USE
AN
IMAGE
THAT
YOU'RE
USED
TO.



NGH

MM

MM

MM

NGH



MMPH

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NGH



DO
YOUR
BEST

YOUR
MOTHER
WENT
TO
SUCH
LENGTHS
TO
GIVE
BIRTH
TO
YOU...
DO
IT
FOR
HER.



I'M
SURE
IT'LL
BECOME
A
GOOD
MAGIC

I'VE
USED
SUCH
A
WONDERFUL
MANGA
AS
A
CONDUIT

FIGHT
TO
SURVIVE



HAH

HAA

ACCEPT
REALITY

GAH

HOW ARE
YOU DOING?
IT'S YOUR
MOTHER

AAAH

A

AA

A

WAA

FIRST
OF ALL

YATAROLI

YOUR
MAGIC
POWER

TO BE
FRANK,
MOTHER
ISN'T
DOING
THAT WELL

AT THE
TIME OF
WRITING
THIS TO
YOU...

MUST
HAVE
AWAKENED

I'VE
ALREADY
PASSED
AWAY...

IF YOU'RE
READING
THIS
LETTER
IT WOULD
MEAN
THAT

AAAA
AAA AA
AAAAAA
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UAA
AAAAA
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WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
THESE
DAYS?

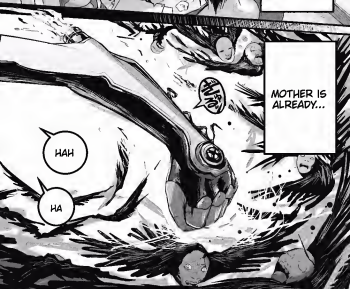
IT'S
BEEN
A WHILE



THE REST
OF THAT
MANGA



I'M VERY
SAD...
THAT I
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
READ IT



MOTHER IS
ALREADY...

HAH

HA



ARE YOU
STILL
WRITING?

BY THE TIME
YOU'LL BE
READING
THIS LETTER

...YOU
KNOW WHAT
I'M TRYING
TO TELL
YOU, RIGHT?

HAH

I WON'T BE
PRESENT IN
THIS WORLD
ANYMORE

... EVEN MY
BOOBS GOT
SAGGY. I'VE
TURNED INTO
A GRANDMA
IN NO TIME

I'VE TRIED
VARIOUS SORTS
OF MAGIC
BUT NOTHING
SEEMS TO
WORK, AND
MY CONDITION
IS GETTING
WORSE DAY
BY DAY

MONEY
AND THIS
LETTER

HA

I'M
SORRY
THAT

HA

HAH

YA-
TA-
ROU

HAH

I CAN
LEAVE
YOU

HAH

ARE
ALL
THAT

HA

HAH

SINCE
YOUR MAGIC
HAD NOT
AWAKENED

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
USELESS
TO TEACH YOU
ANYTHING

ガッ!

DIDN'T
ABANDON
YOU

YOUR
MOTHER

I WANTED
TO STAY
WITH YOU
A LOT
LONGER

IN ALL
HONESTY

...I'VE
ONLY BEEN
APOLOGIZING

...THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE AN
EXCUSE,
I'M SORRY

I'M
SORRY

STOP

APOLO-
GIZING

IT'S NOT
VERY
MOTHERLY



YOU'VE
ALSO
ENDED UP
INHERITING
A WITCH'S
BLOOD

I'M
SORRY
FOR
GETTING
YOU
INVOLVED



TO LIVE
AS A
MAGICIAN

TO BE
ALWAYS
FIGHTING
IS VERY
DIFFICULT



OH

SINCE
YOU'VE
AWAKENED
YOUR
MAGIC
POWERS

THE LIFE
OF A
MAGICIAN
WILL BE
SPRING
UPON
YOU



GAAAAAAAH!!

I'M SURE
THAT YOU'LL
EXPERIENCE
TOUGH TIMES,
SCARY TIMES,
PAINFUL
TIMES...

THERE
WILL BE
A LOT
OF NEW
EXPERIENCES



HOWEVER

TRY YOUR
HARDEST
AND LIVE
ON



I'M SURE
THAT AT
ONE POINT

IF YOU
TRY YOUR
BEST



IT'S
REALLY,
REALLY,
REALLY,
NOT A
LIE

SOMEWHERE
IN YOUR HEART
YOU'LL FIND
YOUR OWN
REASONS
FOR LIVING IN
THIS WORLD

AS A
WITCH
WHO'S
LIVED
130
YEARS

GLUH

AS
PROOF



W
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A
H

U
U
U
U
U
U

I FOUND
MY OWN

BY BECOMING
YOUR MOTHER



EVEN IF YOU'RE
ALONE, TRY YOUR
BEST TO LIVE

GIVE ME
YOUR HAND

THAT'S
WHY



WELCOME
TO MY
WORLD

IT'S
OKAY
NOW

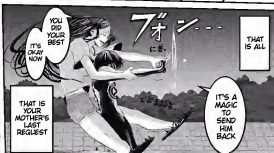
YOU
DID
YOUR
BEST

THAT IS
YOUR
MOTHER'S
LAST
REQUEST

フォン...

THAT
IS ALL

IT'S A
MAGIC
TO
SEND
HIM
BACK





P.S.



YATAROU

I
LOVE
YOU



SINCERELY,
YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
MOTHER

LET'S
MEET
AGAIN



